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Lt. Col. Clarence "Deke" DeCremer joins state Army Guard Hall of Honor

The Wisconsin Army National Guard honored retired Lt. Col. Clarence A. "Deke" DeCremer, Madison, by inducting him into its Hall of Honor in a ceremony at the state Capitol Sunday, March 2.

DeCremer's official and unofficial service to the state and nation spans more than six decades. He began his Army career as a platoon sergeant in 1942, serving in the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1948 and for the next 28 years served in both command and staff assignments in the 32nd Infantry Division and the State Headquarters. Working in the state's Operations, Intelligence and Training directorate, he implemented programs ensuring the readiness of all Wisconsin Army National Guard units. After retiring in 1976, "Deke" served his fellow soldiers through the National Guard Retiree Council and received its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Lt. Col. DeCremer earned the Bronze Star Medal, The Legion of Merit, and the Combat and Expert Infantry Badges, among many others.

DeCremer is one of three individuals selected for induction into the Hall of Honor this year. The others were Col. Roger L. Brill and Command Sgt. Maj. John H. McShane, both deceased.

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